

Iron County Register

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FRONTON, MISSOURI

That Virginia veteran who refused a pension and back pay to the amount of \$7,000 is the sole veteran of his class.

A large proportion of the New York savings bank depositors are foreigners—chiefly Italians, Germans, Hungarians and Poles. One Italian, a keeper of a corner fruit-stand, whose earnings were acquired a copper at a time, has \$20,000 on deposit in a savings bank.

The majority of the New York Chinese women devote certain hours each day to study. They teach their young children the precepts of the Chinese religion. No matter how well educated a Chinese child may be in the American schools, he devotes a certain time to the perusal of Chinese literature and the history of his father's native country.

Editors and tailors are not the only persons who are made happy on occasions by the present of a pair of scissors. A gift of this kind was made to the Emperor William of Germany recently, and if he was not made happy by it there has been no intimation to the contrary. The fact that this particular pair of scissors cost \$500 might have made some difference.

Most of the Chinese women in New York's Chinatown have servants to do the cooking and the heavy work of the household. Negro women are employed two or three times a week to scrub floors, wash windows, and clean house generally, and the Oriental wife and daughters devote themselves to the care of the young children, to amusements, and the needle-work, in which they have few rivals.

There are signs that the era of the "skyscrapers" will before long begin in London. There is an apparent bar to its introduction in London, as the county council's building act prohibits such structures, but, like all restrictive measures, it is not prohibitive. An ingenious suggestion for introducing a skyscraper in the guise of a "tower" is made, and it has additional interest from the fact that it comes within the scope of the by-laws.

It is almost incredible, yet it is true, that, because of recent disclosures affecting the great life-insurance companies, thousands of policyholders have permitted their policies to lapse. A sort of panic seems to have seized upon them, and it has been far more costly to them than to the insurance companies. In many instances new insurance can never be obtained, and in all cases the policyholder has sacrificed the advantages which accumulate with time.

The New York clearing house, representing 53 banks, cleared last year \$56,000,000,000. The average daily clearings were \$200,000,000, and the average daily balance paid in money was \$10,000,000. The next biggest clearing house is that of Chicago, with clearings of \$8,000,000,000. The New York clearing house is, in fact, the most important business institution in the world, its transactions exceeding those of the clearing house of London last year by six billions.

New York City has nearly half, or 700,000, of the entire Jewish population of the United States, or many times more of this race than were ever gathered before in any single community, from the patriarch Abraham's days down to those of Dr. Herzl, the Zionist. From three per cent. of the population of the city in 1880 the Jews have grown to fifteen per cent. in 1905, and their expansion, proportionately as well as absolute, continues at a high rate. Every sixth person met on the streets of New York is a Jew.

A prophecy of world-wide bloodshed and horror during the year 1906 has been issued by Mme. de Thebes, who was accredited as court diviner to the superstitious Napoleon and Eugénie. It is said that she predicted the downfall of the second empire. As her victimizations for next year the seers say: "Germany is to come very near to a smash early in the year; South America will be convulsed with wild upheavals, and the United States will be decimated by an unquenchable epidemic," and many other calamities are prophesied.

The second highest chimney in America has been completed for a plant in Newark, N. J. It is 350 feet high, just 15 feet less than the stack of the Orford Copper Co., of Bayonne, N. J., but it is said to be a far finer piece of structural work. As its cost would seem to indicate—\$35,000, or \$100 per foot of height—it is as complete as the best of material and labor could make it. Aside from this, it is an engineering feat of no mean proportions, for it is built on the treacherous salt meadows just to the east of Newark.

The meat question imposing starvation upon the poorer classes of people because of the excessive high price of meat in Germany is a strange condition of civilization. The German farmers secured legislation prohibiting American meat and live cattle, which gives them the monopoly of trade, but they are unable to raise half enough meat to supply the great population; indeed no European country can or does now produce meat enough to supply the demand. The people of Germany appeal in vain to the officials for relief to admit American meat.

Mark McTigue, the aged sexton of Crown Point (Ind.) cemetery, has completed the digging of 4,833 graves, and in the 40 years of his administration of these grounds has never seen a ghost. Few men can claim the equal of his record in digging graves the country over. Sexton McTigue is remarkable in the respect that he knows a brief history of each person buried by him, and can locate, within a few minutes, any grave committed to the ground. For years he was in charge of the removal of bodies from Kokomo's old cemetery.

WILL GET A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY.



WRECKED BY BANK ROBBERS

The Bank at Baldwin, Ill., Completely Wrecked.

Citizens of Baldwin, Ill., Fight Bank Robbers at Night, and Drive Them Away.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—A gang of four burglars blew open the safe of the bank at Baldwin, Ill., 45 miles southeast of St. Louis, on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, at 2 a. m. Wednesday. They discharged three blasts of nitroglycerine, blew the front out of the building and shattered the outer doors of the safe, but were frightened away before they got much booty. While they were at work on the safe they were attacked by citizens, who were aroused by the noise. They opened fire on the citizens, and for half an hour a lively battle raged in the street. No one was hurt during the fight.

Cashier Preston headed a posse that started after the burglars as soon as horses and arms could be obtained. About \$2,500 in paper money was torn into shreds, but it can probably be sorted out and saved. About \$1,000 in silver was found in the debris of the safe. Until the ruins of the safe are searched, and the torn money is sorted out and counted it will be impossible to say how much the burglars got, if they got anything.

WM. G. CRAWFORD CONVICTED

Found Guilty of Conspiring to Defraud the Government on Certain Supply Contracts.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The jury in the case of Wm. G. Crawford, the former deputy auditor for the post office department, who was indicted on a charge of conspiracy with August W. Machen and George E. Lorenz, to defraud the United States in connection with a contract for supplying the post office department with letter carriers' satchels, returned a verdict of guilty.

The jury also found Crawford guilty on an indictment charging him with presenting false vouchers for furnishing shoulderstraps for carriers' satchels.

A FORTUNE AWAITED HIM

A Sick and Penniless Wanderer Stumbles Accidentally On to Friends and Fortune.

Chas. Lake, Minn., Dec. 23.—Wm. G. Grow, penniless and ill from exposure, wandered into Bemidji and told a story of hardship that secured sympathy. He was given medical treatment. A letter he had in his possession led to the discovery of relatives in Des Moines, who were notified. Dr. P. G. Grow, of that city, went to Bemidji and took his brother home, where he came into possession of \$12,000 left him by a relative as his share of an estate.

RECEIVED A PRINCELY GIFT

George Herring, of London, Gives \$500,000 Towards Salvation Army's Home Colonization Scheme.

London, Dec. 20.—Gen. Booth of the Salvation army has written to King Edward announcing that George Herring, chairman of the City of London Electric Lighting Co. and a prominent member of many other corporations, had donated \$500,000 to the army to be used in a home colonization scheme, but that the army had engaged to repay this sum in 25 annual installments to the king's hospital fund.

Pathetic Double Tragedy.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 20.—W. M. McCarty, a farmer, accidentally killed his wife while showing her how to use a pistol, and he was so horrified that he committed suicide with chloroform. McCarty's first wife committed suicide four years ago.

Twins to Wed Twins.

Cordell, Okla., Dec. 20.—Marriage licenses were issued to C. M. and J. H. Nickel, twin brothers, and Misses Hatfield and Sarah Bartel, twin sisters. The nuptial ceremonies will be performed on Christmas eve.

Illie Best Newspaper Style.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 20.—William E. Curtis, the well-known newspaper correspondent, told the state university class in journalism that the day of Bohemianism is past, and advised them to go to the Bible for their literary style.

Cremated in Fire He Started.

Pocahontas, Ark., Dec. 20.—At Biggers, J. M. Herrin, aged 40, was arrested for drunkenness. He set fire to the calaboose, and perished in the flames before he could be let out.

SERIOUS CHARGE TO ANSWER

Thomas H. Musgrave, an Arkansas Planter, Indicted for Attempted Criminal Assault.

Blytheville, Ark., Dec. 21.—Thos. H. Musgrave, a planter residing near Barfield, was indicted by the grand jury here on a charge of attempted criminal assault.

Miss Adeline Vitt will be the prosecuting witness. Musgrave has been arrested and the case docketed. Allen Hughes, of the circuit bench, will be the trial judge. The state will be represented by Prosecuting Attorney I. C. Going and his assistant, S. L. Gladish. Attorneys Simpson and W. J. Driver are representing Musgrave.

A true bill was returned after the grand jury had heard the stories of Misses Marion Emmons and Adeline Vitt, of St. Louis, two young women who had been invited to Musgrave's southern home on the representation that they were to act as companions for Musgrave's wife.

Invited under the charge in the indictment, Musgrave's least penalty will be a sentence of three years in the penitentiary. A 21-year sentence is the maximum penalty for the offense.

FIRE AT SALT LAKE CITY

Part of the Rio Grande's Repair Plant Destroyed, At a Loss of, Perhaps, \$200,000.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 21.—The extensive repair shops of the Rio Grande were found to be on fire at 10:30 Wednesday night. All the fire apparatus in the city was called out, but the flames were beyond control and threatened to extend to the freight yards.

Although the firemen could not make headway against the blaze, they succeeded in confining it to its original locality. The power house and main car shop were burned to the ground, but the great machine shop, paint shop and other buildings standing at a distance were unharmed. The loss is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000, and 200 men will be thrown out of work.

ALEX. SULLIVAN THE WINNER

Decision of the Illinois Supreme Court On the Attempt to Disbar Well-Known Chicago Lawyer.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 21.—The Illinois supreme court decided the celebrated case of Alexander Sullivan, growing out of traction litigation in Chicago. The decision is in favor of Sullivan. The question at issue was an attempt to disbar as an attorney the former president of the Irish National league, and was the echo of a conspiracy trial in which the courts, some time ago, gave the victory to Sullivan. By the ruling of the supreme court, the disbarment proceedings are dismissed and the defendant is made final winner in all the courts.

FOR SOLICITING A BRIBE

Ex-Alderman Rudolph, of Milwaukee, Sentenced to a Year in the House of Correction.

Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—Ex-Alderman Robert L. Rudolph has been sentenced, to one year in the Milwaukee house of correction, being found guilty of soliciting a bribe of \$100,000 from ex-City Attorney Charles H. Hamilton. In 1901, to secure the passage of an ex-parte bill through the city council. A year of execution was granted, pending the supreme court's decision on certain questions involved in the case. Rudolph gave \$8,000 bail.

Loving Cotton Resolution Tabled.

Washington, Dec. 21.—After a sharp debate Mr. Lovering's bill providing for a new estimate on the cotton crop by the department of agriculture on January 10, 1906, was laid on the table by the house committee on agriculture by unanimous vote.

Trouble In Morocco.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The Tangier correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that the pretender to the Moorish throne, Bu Hamara, is preparing to attack the sultan's troops with a numerous army near the Algerian frontier.

The Storm at Cornell.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The students of Cornell university are congratulating President Jacob Gould Schurman upon the birth to Mrs. Schurman of a daughter. This arrival is the eighth child in President Schurman's family, all but one of whom are living.

Joanna Miller's Mother Dead.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Miller, the aged mother of Joanna Miller, the poet, died Wednesday at the poet's residence, "The Heights," a short distance back of this city, aged nearly 90 years.

NEWS FOR COTTON PLANTERS

Government Investigation Into the Cotton Boll Worm.

Results Attained So That Planters Will be Enabled to Control That Injurious Pest.

Washington, Dec. 22.—According to the annual report of L. C. Howard, in charge of the bureau of entomology of the department of agriculture, the main work of the bureau for the past fiscal year ended June 30, 1905, was in connection with the cotton boll weevil, the cotton boll worm, importation of beneficial insects from abroad, investigations of insects damaging forests and deciduous fruit trees, work on insects injurious to vegetable crops and affecting the great staple field crops, and work in silk and bee culture. The results as to the cotton boll worm were such that cotton planters will, it is stated, be enabled to control that injurious pest.

Experiments on a large scale, extending over practically the whole of the wheat-growing area, have been begun looking toward the elucidation of certain as yet unsolved problems in the propagation of the Hessian fly and joint worms of wheat, and also to determine the best time to sow wheat in the autumn in order to ward off the autumn attack of the fly, and investigations of the same insect in the spring wheat regions have been begun, since only recently has the Hessian fly spread into this new country.

PRACTICALLY A HURRICANE

Wilkesbarre, Connellville and Other Pennsylvania Towns Suffered Severely.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 22.—A heavy rain and wind storm, which practically reached the dimensions of a hurricane, swept the Wyoming valley Thursday. One man was killed and property worth thousands of dollars was destroyed in this city and surrounding towns. Telegraph and telephone wires were broken down in all directions, and for several hours communication was cut off. The traction company's wires also suffered and the system was seriously crippled.

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DEWEY DENOUNCES HAZING

A Condition That Calls For a Prompt and Vigorous Remedy Unhesitatingly Applied.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Admiral Dewey has taken an emphatic stand against the hazing practices which prevail at the naval academy at Annapolis. "It is a disgraceful condition of affairs," he says. "It calls for prompt and vigorous remedy. The secretary of the navy should be empowered to dismiss instantly any cadet caught in the act of hazing, and the culprit should be deprived of all hope of getting back. He should be dismissed and excluded forever."

The naval academy is the cradle of the navy, and, in the opinion of the admiral, should, begin the inculcation of principles of obedience to law and regulation which are essential to the maintenance of an efficient service. "Of course, boys are the same all over the world; they will be boys," said Admiral Dewey. I am not opposed to fair fighting when circumstances are such that it is the proper thing to resort to. We do not want in our navy men who hesitate to resent an insult. But we do not want prize fights."

THE "BEEF TRUST" TRIALS

The Trial of the Defendants in Chicago on Their Immunity Plea to Begin January 9, 1906.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The 21 persons and corporations indicted on charges of conspiracy in restraint of trade in the meat business will go to trial January 9, 1906, on their ten special pleas for immunity. The jury which was finally accepted, Friday, after 82 veniremen had been questioned, consists of five farmers, three real estate dealers, two carpenters, one stock raiser and one printer. After a long charge by the court, the 12 men were allowed to go to their homes until the date of the trial. The verdict of this jury will decide only whether the packers are to be tried later on the main charge in the case or go free altogether because, under the law, they are entitled to immunity from prosecution, if, as they assert, they furnished evidence against themselves during the Garfield investigation, and which evidence, it is believed by the defendants, was used against them to bring the indictments.

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NESTOR OF CHICAGO BENCH

Death of the Venerable Judge Murray Floyd Tuley, of Chicago.

He Had Been Continuously on the Circuit Bench of Cook County Since 1879.

Milwaukee, Dec. 26.—Judge Murray F. Tuley, of Chicago, died at the Penoyer sanitarium in Kenosha, Monday afternoon. He went to the sanitarium on October 31 suffering from nervous exhaustion caused by overwork.

Nestor of the Chicago Bench.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Judge Murray Floyd Tuley, the nestor of the Chicago bench, whose death occurred Monday, was one of the most widely-known jurists in the west. He was elected to the circuit bench of Cook county in 1879 and had served continuously since that time. Judge Tuley has the record of fewer reversals of his decisions by the supreme court than any other circuit judge.

Judge Tuley was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1827. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, serving as first lieutenant of the Fifth Illinois infantry, and in 1864-9 served as attorney general of New Mexico. The body will be brought to Chicago for burial.

FARMERS' SOCIETIES MERGE

The National Farmers' Exchange and the American Farmers' Union to Consolidate.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 26.—F. E. Andrews, attorney for the National Farmers' exchange, announces that the amalgamation of the National Farmers' exchange and the American Farmers' union is about perfected. The new organization will be the greatest society of farmers in the United States.

The National Farmers' exchange operates on the plan of the trusts. It does extensive business in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, and the Dakotas, owning and operating several hundred elevators.

The American Farmers' union has an extensive membership in Texas, Nevada, Indian territory and Oklahoma. The National exchange is capitalized at \$100,000,000. A new name is to be chosen.

THE FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR

George Poell, of Grand Island, Neb., to Receive First Medal Under the Act of February 23, 1905.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26.—A special to the World-Herald from Grand Island, Neb., says: George Poell, county clerk-elect of this county, received a letter from President Roosevelt conveying to him the information that the first medal of honor given under the act of congress, approved February 23, 1905, had been awarded to him for conspicuous bravery in saving the life of a child at the risk of his own and expressing warm commendation for the deed. Mr. Poell, who was a locomotive fireman, ran alongside his engine to the track, saving it from harm, but himself fell under the engine, losing a leg and being otherwise badly injured.

HE FOUGHT FROM HIS TOWER

A Negro Resents Being Felled With Bricks and Is Killed in an Unequal Battle.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 26.—In a battle between a policeman and John Tice, a one-legged negro, a frogman for the Illinois Central, who had barricaded himself in his tower at Eleventh and Broadway streets, Patrolman James Clark was shot twice in the hip, and Tice was riddled by scores of people with rifles and pistols from the surrounding streets and roofs. The negro became enraged at someone throwing bricks at his tower, and began firing from the tower at people in the streets below. When the police attempted to arrest him he fired on them. He was killed.

GOV. WRIGHT IN MEMPHIS

He Has Heard the Rumor of His Intended Resignation, But Is Unaware of Its Source.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Luke E. Wright, governor general of the Philippines, arrived in time to spend the holidays at his home here. Gov. Wright is quite optimistic as to the future of the islands. As to his plans, he is reticent. Regarding the reports that he would resign his office and return to Memphis, he said nothing further than that he had heard of the rumors, but was unaware of the source from which they came.

Went to New Orleans to Celebrate.

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—John McCall, J. H. Wells and James Bester, three lumbermen from Lumberton, Miss., were found dead in two rooms of a St. Charles street rooming house. They came here to celebrate.

Great Fire at Han Kow, China.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 26.—Mail advices from Shanghai tell of a great fire at Han Kow, known as the Chicago of China, in which about 5,000 houses were destroyed, a large number of lives lost, variously estimated at from 100 to 500.

Giant Indian Frozen to Death.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 26.—John Southwind, a giant Winnebago Indian, came over to Sioux City Sunday night and indulged in firewater. Monday morning he was found on a sandbank frozen to death.

Charged With Killing an Indian.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 26.—Federal officials have placed Charles Williams in jail, charged with the killing of Stephen John, an Indian, which took place near Fillmore. Williams is postmaster at Fillmore.

Girl Postal Clerk In Trouble.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 26.—Miss Lulu Bowen, a clerk employed at sub station No. 1, Oakland post office, has been arrested, charged with embezzlement. Her accounts are, it is charged, short \$7,000.

STATE HAPPENINGS.